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Jobless rates up in 115 counties from September 2007 to September 2008

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EDITOR'S NOTE: September's preliminary and August's revised county unemployment rate charts are posted at <http://workforce.ky.gov/Sept08charts.pdf>. Acrobat Reader is required to view charts. To download Acrobat Reader, please see the end of this news release.

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Unemployment rates rose in 115 Kentucky counties between September 2007 and September 2008 and fell in five counties, according to the Kentucky Office of Employment and Training, an agency of the Kentucky Education and Workforce Development Cabinet.

Woodford County recorded the lowest jobless rate in the commonwealth at 4.9 percent. Other counties with low unemployment rates were Fayette County, 5.1 percent; Livingston and Webster counties, 5.2 percent each; Warren County, 5.3 percent; Madison County, 5.6 percent; Barren and Boone counties, 5.7 percent each; and Franklin, Hancock, Henderson, Jessamine and Robertson counties, 5.8 percent each.

Magoffin County recorded the state's highest unemployment rate — 10.9 percent. It was followed by Jackson County, 10.5 percent; Wolfe County, 10.3 percent; Clay County, 10 percent; Grayson County, 9.9 percent; Spencer County, 9.7 percent; McCreary County, 9.5 percent; Morgan County, 9.4 percent; and Bell, Harlan and Lewis counties, 9.2 percent each.

Unemployment statistics are based on estimates and are compiled to measure trends rather than actually to count people working. Civilian labor force statistics include non-military workers and unemployed Kentuckians who are actively seeking work. They do not include unemployed Kentuckians who have not looked for employment within the past four weeks. The statistics in this news release are not seasonally adjusted to allow for comparisons between United States, state and county figures.

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